

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 93-029-C - ORDER NO. 93-249

MARCH 11, 1993

IN RE: Application of Chester Telephone Company) ORDER APPROVING
for Extraordinary Retirement of Central) EXTRAORDINARY
Office Equipment.) RETIREMENT

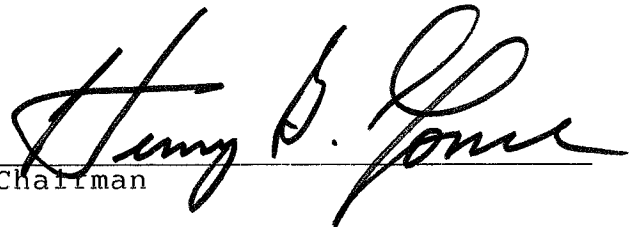
This matter is before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of Chester Telephone Company (Chester) for extraordinary retirement of its dial equipment and toll equipment. Chester requests a three (3) year retirement for its dial equipment which it asserts would depreciate over a 2.56 year period. In addition, Chester requests a four (4) year retirement for its toll equipment which it asserts would depreciate over a 3.72 year period.

On January 26, 1993, the Commission's Executive Director instructed Chester to cause to be published a prepared Notice of Filing once in newspapers of general circulation in the affected areas. The Notice of Filing indicated the nature of Chester's request and advised all interested parties desiring to participate in the scheduled proceeding of the manner and time in which to file the appropriate pleadings. Chester furnished an affidavit demonstrating that the Notice of Filing had been duly published. The Commission received no petitions to intervene.

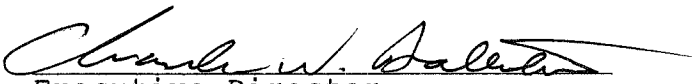
Upon review of the Application, the Commission finds and concludes that Chester's request to amortize the unrecovered cost of its dial equipment over three (3) years and its unrecovered cost of its toll equipment over four (4) years should be and is hereby granted. Thus, the Commission will require Chester to amortize the extraordinary retirement cost of \$194,389 for dial equipment over three (3) years and the cost of \$52,204 for toll equipment over four (4) years without a return on the unamortized portion. The amortization shall become effective on December 31, 1992.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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